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BAN ON IMPORT OF EGGS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of UAE and Saudi Arabia have lifted a ban on import of eggs from India;

(b) if so, the reasons for imposing a ban on the import of eggs from India;

(c) how long the ban had been in operation;

(d) how much foreign exchange India had to lose on account of ban on import of Eggs by Governments of UAE and Saudi Arabia;

(e) whether the Government proposes to make up this loss on account of the ban; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) to f): In November, 2005 Saudi Arabia had imposed a ban on import of poultry products from Asian countries, including India, due to break of bird flu in certain Asian countries. UAE had, in February, 2006, banned import of poultry and poultry products from India in the wake of out break of bird flu in the country. Both these countries have lifted ban on import of eggs from India in January, 2007- UAE in respect of eggs and Saudi Arabia in respect of live chicks and hatching eggs. The ban had a negative impact on export of eggs to Saudi Arabia and UAE and, therefore, in order to protect the export interests of the country, the Government pursued vigorously and successfully with the concerned authorities in these countries to get the ban lifted.